

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will resume. There was no objection.

ENCOURAGING ALL ELIGIBLE MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES TO REVIEW AVAILABLE OPTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ENROLLMENT IN A MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN BEST MEETS THEIR NEEDS FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the resolution, H. Res. 802.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DEAL) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 802, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 406, nays 0, answered “present” 4, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 146]
YEAS—406

Abercrombie	Brown (OH)	Davis (KY)
Ackerman	Brown (SC)	Davis (TN)
Aderholt	Brown, Corrine	Davis, Jo Ann
Akin	Burgess	Davis, Tom
Alexander	Burton (IN)	Deal (GA)
Allen	Butterfield	DeFazio
Andrews	Buyer	DeGette
Baca	Calvert	Delahunt
Bachus	Camp (MI)	DeLauro
Baird	Campbell (CA)	DeLay
Baker	Cannon	Dent
Baldwin	Cantor	Diaz-Balart, L.
Barrett (SC)	Capito	Diaz-Balart, M.
Barrow	Capps	Dicks
Bartlett (MD)	Capuano	Dingell
Barton (TX)	Cardin	Doggett
Bass	Carmahan	Doolittle
Bean	Carson	Doyle
Beauprez	Carter	Drake
Becerra	Case	Dreier
Berkley	Castle	Duncan
Berman	Chabot	Edwards
Berry	Chandler	Ehlers
Biggert	Choccola	Emanuel
Bilirakis	Clay	Emerson
Bishop (GA)	Cleaver	Engel
Bishop (NY)	Clyburn	English (PA)
Bishop (UT)	Coble	Etheridge
Blackburn	Cole (OK)	Everett
Blumenauer	Conaway	Farr
Blunt	Conyers	Fattah
Boehlert	Cooper	Feeney
Boehner	Costa	Ferguson
Bonilla	Costello	Fitzpatrick (PA)
Bonner	Cramer	Flake
Bono	Crenshaw	Foley
Boozman	Crowley	Forbes
Boren	Cubin	Fortenberry
Boswell	Cuellar	Fossella
Boucher	Culberson	Fox
Boustany	Cummings	Frank (MA)
Boyd	Davis (AL)	Franks (AZ)
Bradley (NH)	Davis (CA)	Frelinghuysen
Brady (PA)	Davis (FL)	Gerlach
Brady (TX)	Davis (IL)	Gibbons

Gilchrest	Lynch	Ross
Gillmor	Mack	Rothman
Gingrey	Maloney	Roybal-Allard
Gohmert	Manzullo	Royce
Gonzalez	Marchant	Ruppersberger
Goode	Markey	Rush
Goodlatte	Marshall	Ryan (OH)
Gordon	Matheson	Ryan (WI)
Granger	Matsui	Ryun (KS)
Graves	McCarthy	Sabo
Green (WI)	McCaul (TX)	Salazar
Green, Al	McCollum (MN)	Sanchez, Linda
Green, Gene	McCotter	T.
Grijalva	McCrery	Sanchez, Loretta
Gutierrez	McGovern	Sanders
Gutknecht	McHenry	Saxton
Hall	McIntyre	Schiff
Harman	McKeon	Schmidt
Harris	McKinney	Schwartz (PA)
Hart	McMorris	Schwarz (MI)
Hastings (FL)	McNulty	Scott (GA)
Hastings (WA)	Meehan	Scott (VA)
Hayes	Meeke (NY)	Sensenbrenner
Hayworth	Melancon	Serrano
Hefley	Mica	Sessions
Hensarling	Michaud	Shadegg
Hergert	Millender-	Shaw
Herse	McDonald	Shays
Higgins	Miller (FL)	Sherman
Hinche	Miller (MI)	Sherwood
Hinojosa	Miller (NC)	Shimkus
Hobson	Miller, Gary	Shuster
Hoekstra	Mollohan	Simmons
Holden	Moore (KS)	Simpson
Holt	Moore (WI)	Smith (NJ)
Honda	Moran (KS)	Smith (WA)
Hoolley	Moran (VA)	Snyder
Hostettler	Murphy	Sodrel
Hoyer	Murtha	Solis
Hulshof	Musgrave	Souder
Hunter	Myrick	Spratt
Hyde	Nadler	Stearns
Inglis (SC)	Napolitano	Strickland
Inslee	Ney	Stupak
Israel	Northup	Sullivan
Issa	Norwood	Sweeney
Istook	Nunes	Tancredo
Jackson (IL)	Nussle	Tanner
Jackson-Lee	Oberstar	Tauscher
(TX)	Obey	Taylor (MS)
Jefferson	Oliver	Taylor (NC)
Jenkins	Ortiz	Terry
Jindal	Osborne	Thomas
Johnson (CT)	Otter	Thompson (CA)
Johnson (IL)	Owens	Thompson (MS)
Johnson, E. B.	Oxley	Thornberry
Johnson, Sam	Pallone	Tiahrt
Jones (NC)	Pascrell	Tiberi
Jones (OH)	Pastor	Tierney
Kanjorski	Paul	Towns
Kaptur	Payne	Turner
Kelly	Pearce	Udall (CO)
Kennedy (MN)	Pelosi	Udall (NM)
Kildee	Pence	Upton
Kilpatrick (MI)	Peterson (MN)	Van Hollen
Kind	Peterson (PA)	Velazquez
King (IA)	Petri	Visclosky
Kingston	Pickering	Walden (OR)
Kirk	Pitts	Walsh
Kline	Platts	Wamp
Knollenberg	Poe	Wasserman
Kolbe	Pombo	Schultz
Kucinich	Pomeroy	Waters
Kuhl (NY)	Porter	Watson
Langevin	Price (GA)	Watt
Lantos	Price (NC)	Waxman
Larsen (WA)	Pryce (OH)	Weiner
Latham	Putnam	Weldon (FL)
LaTourette	Radanovich	Weldon (PA)
Lee	Rahall	Weller
Levin	Ramstad	Westmoreland
Lewis (CA)	Rangel	Wexler
Lewis (GA)	Regula	Whitfield
Lewis (KY)	Rehberg	Wicker
Linder	Renzi	Wilson (NM)
Lipinski	Reyes	Wilson (SC)
LoBiondo	Reynolds	Wolf
Lofgren, Zoe	Rogers (AL)	Woolsey
Lowey	Rogers (KY)	Wu
Lucas	Rogers (MI)	Wynn
Lungren, Daniel	Rohrabacher	Young (AK)
E.	Ros-Lehtinen	Young (FL)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—4

McDermott	Schakowsky
Miller, George	Stark

NOT VOTING—22

Brown-Waite,	Garrett (NJ)	Meek (FL)
Ginny	Keller	Neal (MA)
Cardoza	Kennedy (RI)	Neugebauer
Eshoo	King (NY)	Reichert
Evans	LaHood	Skelton
Filner	Larson (CT)	Slaughter
Ford	Leach	Smith (TX)
Gallegly	McHugh	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised 2 minutes remain in this vote.

□ 1654

So (two-thirds of those voting having responded in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

The title of the resolution was amended so as to read: “Encouraging all eligible Medicare beneficiaries who have not yet elected to enroll in the new Medicare Part D benefit to review the available options and to determine whether enrollment in a Medicare prescription drug plan best meets their current and future needs for prescription drug coverage”.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to inquire of the distinguished majority leader the schedule for the week to come, and I yield to my friend from Ohio (Mr. BOEHNER).

Mr. BOEHNER. I thank my colleague for yielding.

Next week, Mr. Speaker, the House will convene on Tuesday at 12:30 for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider measures under suspension of the rules. A list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of the week. Any votes called on those measures will be rolled until 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

On Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will likely consider the Ag, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, which I anticipate will be scheduled for Wednesday, subject to change.

We will deal with the Department of the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, and the Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Act.

The House will also consider H.R. 4200, the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act. The Committee on Resources, Ag, and Transportation and Infrastructure have all completed action on that bill.

In addition to these bills, I continue to hope that we are able to bring a budget resolution to the floor. A lot of progress was made today, but that is an issue that I am hopeful we can deal with next week.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information. He has now said both initially and again about the budget. You have indicated there will be votes on Friday, obviously.

Mr. BOEHNER. I am very sure that next week there will be votes on Friday.

Mr. HOYER. So no doubt in your mind about that?

Mr. BOEHNER. With three appropriations bills and several other bills, and the possibility of doing the budget, we will have our hands full.

Mr. HOYER. I thank you for that. On the energy bills, do you expect any energy-related legislation on the floor next week, refinery siting, for example?

Mr. BOEHNER. It is not likely we will have any energy bills up next week, but there are a number of energy bills that are in the pipeline with regard to the possibility of drilling in ANWR, the CAFE bill continues to move along, and the refinery legislation that did not receive a two-thirds vote under suspension is likely to be back in some form.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information. The telecom bill which was reported out of committee, I know it is not on this calendar for the coming week. Could you tell us your expectations of when that might be scheduled?

Mr. BOEHNER. After that bill came out of the Energy and Commerce Committee, the Judiciary Committee filed a request for a referral on that bill. It has been under consideration this week with the Parliamentarians, and we are hopeful that we will have an answer from the Parliamentarians about this jurisdiction which is holding up the consideration of the bill.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, would it be your expectation then, once the Parliamentarians make their judgment, that the bill will then be referred to the Judiciary Committee, if that was their judgment, so that it might be some time before that bill came to the floor? I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. It depends on the ruling of the Parliamentarians; and until they rule whether there is a jurisdictional claim or not, there is not much that we can do.

Mr. HOYER. All right. Thank you very much for that.

The Voting Rights Act reauthorization, quite clearly that got overwhelming bipartisan support. I know the chairman has worked very hard on that. MEL WATT and other members of the Judiciary Committee have worked very hard on that. Can you tell me when you expect that to come to the floor?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. I have talked to Chairman SENSENBRENNER and others about the bill. We don't have it scheduled as yet, but we are hopeful that it will be coming to the floor in the near future.

Mr. HOYER. If the budget does come to the floor next week, would you bring

it in the early part of the week or the latter part of the week; do you know? I know you have had some hard work on this. I understand that.

Mr. BOEHNER. As I have indicated, when we think we have the votes to pass the budget, we will bring it up, sooner rather than later, I hope.

□ 1700

Mr. HOYER. That is such a pragmatic approach, and I thank the gentleman for that information.

Mr. Leader, I don't want to end the week on an unhappy note, but you and I had discussions in these colloquies the last 2 weeks in a row. After the tax reconciliation bill was reported out, I asked Mr. RANGEL had he been included in the conferences in any meaningful way. It was his view that he had not. You had made assurances that would happen; I don't mean that you could guarantee that it would happen.

I will tell my friend that the ranking member of the committee does not believe there was meaningful participation by the minority in the consideration of that bill which obviously was a bill of some significant import.

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. I thank my friend for yielding. You and I did have a conversation about participation. The conversation was centered around the pension reform bill, only because I am a conferee on the pension bill. What happens in other committees and some of these conferences, they all have their own style and own way of doing their conferences. I understand the gentleman's concern, but that was not the reference that I was making when you and I were having a discussion about the pension bill.

Mr. HOYER. Reclaiming my time, and I accept the gentleman's explanation. It was my thought that we were talking about both conferences that were then pending. I raised both conferences, but I take the gentleman at his word, he has always been truthful with me, that he was referring to the pension conference. I understand that.

I also understand that he is not in control of everything any more than we are on this side. But I will again reiterate, Mr. Leader, your experience and your performance in terms of dealing in a bipartisan way has been different than some, and we appreciate your view on this.

Whether it is the pension conference or any other conference, particularly bills of significance, we would hope that you would use your good offices to encourage and frankly request that the Chairs of the conferences make sure that the minority is included. After all, as I have said, we represent about 125 million people in this country, maybe more than that, and they should not be excluded.

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BOEHNER. I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I appreciate your concern. As the gentleman is well

aware, these conferences that occur between the House and Senate trying to resolve the differences in these bills are sometimes dealt with by the majority. I saw it when I was a minority Member of the House. I understand the gentleman's concern.

I will urge my colleagues, my chairmen, to be more open. I share the gentleman's view that we all have a role to play in this institution and having people at the table gives usually a much better product and everyone has a right to voice their approval or disapproval of the actions that the conference is taking.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman. I think we certainly agree on that.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PRICE of Georgia). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW,
ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY,
MAY 12, 2006, TO MONDAY,
MAY 15, 2006, AND HOUR OF
MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 16,
2006

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. tomorrow; that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R.
4200, FOREST EMERGENCY RECOVERY
AND RESEARCH ACT

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of May 15 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 4200, the Forest Emergency Recovery and Research Act. The bill was ordered reported by both the Committee on Resources and the Committee on Agriculture.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation to the Committee on Rules in room H-312 of the Capitol by 2 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2006. Members should draft their amendments to the